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NEWS ANALYSIS

A look back over the semester's controversy

By NOL BECKLEY
Editor

PROLOGUE

On Sept. 25, *The Communicator* broke a story concerning possible violations by the athletic department of NCAA regulations concerning students. David Fairchild, chair and professor of philosophy, resigned from his position as NCAA compliance coordinator after the file concerning the alleged violations turned up missing from his office.

"When I got to the point where my files on sensitive matters are not secure and I can no longer trust the

people that I work with, I don't work anymore," Fairchild said at the time.

Fairchild recommended that John Williams, mens head basketball coach, be denied a chance to recruit players during December and during other normal recruiting time.

Williams said he accepted the sanctions recommended by Fairchild and he had already started to comply with the sanctions.

In the month since Fairchild reported to the NCAA, flyers charging the chancellor was keeping secret files on people and having an "enemies list" began appearing on campus.

RUMBLINGS

Two days after stepping down,

Fairchild started to hear rumors about his mental stability and his ability to do his job.

Fairchild said Chancellor Michael Wartell began to approach members of the faculty senate and claimed Fairchild was suffering from emotional instability.

William Frederick, presiding officer of the faculty senate and associate professor of computer science, said Wartell approached him and began a "character assassination of Dr. Fairchild."

Frederick said the chancellor had a file on Fairchild with letters solicited from people in athletics. The letters were critical of Fairchild and his performance in the athletic

department.

Wartell said the only file concerning Fairchild was one in the personnel office with information such as what health plan the faculty member is a part of.

During the investigation of Fairchild's allegations, *The Communicator* discovered widespread discontent among the faculty.

CONTROVERSY

"Campus atmosphere 'poisoned'" was the headline on Oct. 30. Frederick, Fairchild and Michael Downs, chair and associate professor of political science and speaker for the IU faculty senate, all said the university climate was different.

Downs said the campus had become polarized with the reasonable center unable to influence the policies that are being made.

Downs said he thinks much of the heat being directed toward the chancellor stems from the perception that the chancellor is ignoring due process concerning grievances, search and screen committees and the treatment of university employees.

One employee, Vicki Bencke, in charge of faculty records and budget, has a harassment suit filed claiming the university created a hostile work environment.

Mary Helen Thuent, chair and

professor of English and linguistics, said the campus climate was "horrible" and the chancellor is conducting a "regime of terror." Thuent also criticized the fledgling Campus Climate Committee.

The committee was formed to look for ways to improve the campus and to make IPFW the "best employer" in Fort Wayne. Irene Walters, director of university relations, said.

Walters said the Wednesday morning meetings have been successful and have led to many campus improvements.

The meetings have been anything but successful according to Thuent. She called the committee a "joke."

Most people, Thuent said, are reluctant to speak out against the chancellor because they are afraid their department's budget will be cut.

AFTERSHOCKS

Last week, the NCAA completed its investigation of the men's basketball program.

The NCAA said they found some validity in the allegations, but that they were institutional violations rather than violations of NCAA bylaws. Only one reported violation was a violation of NCAA bylaws and that one was handled

correctly.

Butch Perchan said the player in question was declared ineligible, but the player was requested to be reinstated. The NCAA reinstated the player.

On Monday, the faculty senate rejected the new grievance procedures scheduled to go into effect July 1.

Grievance procedures have been a sore point for quite a while at IPFW.

GRIEVANCES

Last Friday, the IU board of faculty review released a 24-page report detailing a grievance procedure against the university filed by Gail Hickey, associate professor of education.

Hickey claimed she was harassed by Betty Steffy, dean and professor of education.

The board agreed with Hickey and recommended that Steffy step down as dean because she lacked the competence the position needs.

During the investigation process, Thuent, chair of the board of review, said the administration was difficult to deal with.

"There have been unprecedented obstacles from the administration," she said.

The chancellor has denied Hickey's grievance.



Photo by Grant General, Photo Editor

John Brennan, associate English professor, waits in frustration as another bomb threat was called in last Friday

ASTRO comes through for returning students

By DODIE MILLER
CHIEF REPORTER

The Center for Women and Returning Adults would like to help make the transition to college easier for its clients.

Adult Students' Reentry and Orientation (ASTRO), is being hosted by the Center for Women and Returning Adults. It will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Walb Ballroom.

Conducting ASTRO is not the only service the center provides for IPFW students.

According to Christine Zieliński, of the Center for Women and Returning Adults, the goal of the center is to provide support for those returning to college, who for some reason or another may not be considered "traditional" students.

That support is supplied in the quantity and scope of services and assistance students have at their disposal.

These are a financial aid library, scholarship listings, timely workshops, child care referrals and counseling.

As the name of the organization suggests, the Center for Women and Returning Adults is not only for women.

Anyone can benefit from or become affiliated with the center if they have been out of high school or college for a few years and desire to continue their educational pursuits.

Zieliński said the title means two centers in one. Contained within the center is a free counseling service. To set up an appointment with the counselor on duty call 481-6029.

While everyone who has used the service has not been a victim, the Center for Women and Returning Adults has helped women who have been victims of various forms of abuse.

"The goal of ASTRO is to provide an evening where returning

adults are aided in making the transition to college," said Zieliński. "After potential students become well-acquainted with the idea of college, what next? ASTRO helps students become aware of their abilities."

The Center for Women and Returning Adults expects a crowd of about 100 students and their families.

Child care is available for children aged two to 12 by calling 482-3719 by Jan. 5. The orientation gets underway at 6 p.m., on Jan. 8 at the Walb Student Union Ballroom.

There is an optional walking tour that will begin at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward.

While addressing the special needs of women, the Center for Women and Returning Adults has added a dimension of much needed diversity to IPFW.

Technology fee finds new home

By SUSAN SPINDLER
NEWS EDITOR

its.

"It is a good deal for the students," said Casey Lengnacher, comptroller for IPSGA.

The fear is that if students do not know how much they are paying for the technology fee then it can be raised without anyone knowing.

That is why the administration is working on a way to have the technology fee show up separately on the bills students receive and have it merge with tuition at the internal level for scholarship purposes.

"The procedure will remain the same," said Lengnacher. "But we are looking for ways to advertise the change."

There are avenues to take in order to find out how much has been charged for a technology fee. Students can contact financial affairs to find a record of the separate charges.

"To simplify, it will be included with tuition," said Mark Franke, assistant comptroller. "The campus service fee will represent all that will not qualify for the (tax) credit."

The new procedure of including the technology fee with tuition will be positive for the students who qualify for the Hope Scholarship because they will be receiving help for more of the costs of college.

Next semester students will notice a change on their fee statements. The technology fee will no longer be listed separately on the receipt. Instead, it will be included with the tuition.

The reason for this is to benefit the students who are eligible for the Hope Scholarship.

When the technology fee is incorporated with tuition, then those costs qualify to be paid for by the Hope Scholarship through tax credit.

Briefly . . . the news

FUTURE EVENTS

Colin Powell to visit

Admission passes are on sale now for the evening presentation with Colin Powell. IPFW will be presenting General Powell on April 9 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

There will be a dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. and his presentation, "Challenges of a Changing World," will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Seating is limited and priority is based on reservation confirmation. Early orders are recommended to receive best seating. Special Patron tables are available along with group tables. To attend the dinner and speech the passes are \$75 per person. To see the speech only it is \$25 per person. All proceeds go to the IPFW Scholarship Fund.

For reservation information call (219)-481-6643.

EMAIL

Address change

Anyone accessing their email accounts this week probably came across the information about our campus address changing.

The new campus address will not include the "indiana." For example, Jon Q. Public's new address would be: publicj01@holmes.ipfw.edu. Students will still be able to receive mail from outside users incorporating the "indiana" in the address.

For those that use listserv, a process of unsubscribing and resubscribing will be warranted in order to activate that feature.

The labs for students will be open for limited times over the holiday break. Look for the postings.

BOMBS

Police arrest suspect

Wednesday morning, Allen County Police made an arrest in the case of the bomb threats this semester.

Marcy L. Klotz, 19, of New Haven, was charged and arrested today with two counts of false reporting and informing for allegedly making bomb threats on campus.

Klotz is being held on a \$2,500 bond for each count at Allen County Lockup. These charges are Class D felonies and Klotz faces a minimum one-year sentence and a \$10,000 fine on each count.

University police officers Steve Burton and Larry Steinhacker have been credited with bringing the investigation to a close.

"Their previous investigative experience was a big asset in working this case," said university police Chief Lauren DenHartog.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Our Christmas list

Every year at this time, The Communicator feels generous enough to give out some gifts. The spirit of Christmas overcomes us and we feel that we need to share with everyone around. Some are nice, others are not. But remember this is all in fun because believe us when we say, "We had a helluva lot of fun writing these."

If you see your name in here, it means that we know you have a sense of humor and probably won't take this too seriously.

Really we're not that somber. It's too close to finals.

For Nola: a blowup doll.

For Dorie: a dictionary of slang words, this should include "cluster-fuck."

For Susan: a shirt two sizes too big rather than too small.

For Gail: some writers and a clean office.

For Lisa: her own phone extension and own office because her friends take up all of our office space.

For Grant: a clue and legalization.

For Denny: accurate directions and his own copy card to lose.

For Dodie: help with her punctuation. A semi-colon is not the only punctuation in the language.

For Greg: a paying job over the summer so he can buy a new hat that doesn't have coffee creamer all over it.

For Tony: a bar of soap for his mouth and a new catheter.

For Mike: a velvet glove to cover his iron fist.

For Nell Moore: a position at a university that he earned.

For Paul Helmeke: a lower lip.



and a realization that he doesn't stand a chance.

For Al Gore: set above

For Bill Clinton: a get out of jail free card.

For Chelsea: a chastity belt if it ain't too late.

For Coach Williams: his own phone line.

For Butch: a Cleveland win in a seventh game.

For Carmen: two-weeks notice.

For Scott: a new editor.

For Pi Beta Phi: a volume knob.

For Delta Gamma: manners.

For Sigma Phi Epsilon: a real party.

For Phi Kappa Theta: dates for their party.

For Walt Operations: to actually earn their paychecks. Tetris will only take you so far.

For the cafeteria: price control.

For the administration: a new muzzle. The old one is getting pretty ragged.

And a bullet for the chad who thought up the new "pay by the credit hour" parking system.

For John: a reference from the 90s. The 80s are over; let them die.

For our exes: everything they deserve. What goes around comes around.

For the mad bomb threat-

maker: a new phone number and the Amarrich's Cookbook.

For United Sexualities: a tool to take the hinges off of everyone's closet door.

For IPSGA: something, anything, just do something.

For SAB: some people to show up at their events. They deserve it.

For the engineer of the roundabout: a trip to the 90s, the 1990s not the 1890s.

For Follett's: convenient hours.

For Police and Safety: more pens to write more tickets. Just joking, please don't ticket the maroon Blazer, the maroon Lumina, the silver Nova, the black Hyundai, the silver T-Bird, the green Honda, the white Sentra with a dent in the rear end, the blue Camaro or the silver Cavalier out by Gates. Please.

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By Denny She - Editorial Cartoonist

Letters to the Editor

Bomb scares affect students, professors

TO THE EDITOR:

There has been a huge problem with bomb scares this semester on campus. These scares are making it difficult for students and professors to attend classes.

The scares have caused several buildings to be closed on numerous occasions. When a prank is called in, we as students can't attend a class that day.

It has been going on for months and the person or these persons have not been caught. I can't remember a day that a bomb scare was not called in. These scares are getting way out of hand and this will continue until the culprit(s) get caught. I wish the culprit(s) would take into considera-

tion other people's thoughts. My parents and I don't appreciate spending all this money and time on an education that I can't receive because someone calls in a prank. These calls are wasting time and money.

As an IPFW student, I am concerned that these scares are not going to stop until the culprit(s) get caught.

I am writing this letter to show the culprit(s) and other students to have the consideration for those who want to learn. We are all students here so this is affecting you as well.

I am sitting here trying to understand why these scares are called in. Maybe they're having a hard time

with work or didn't study for a test. They need to realize that all students have to go through this process. Well, if you can't handle college life, you shouldn't be enrolled.

You can always try next semester or the summer session. Calling in these scares is not the answer you seek.

Maybe this person chokes when a major test is given. The easy way out is to call in a scare, so they won't have to take the test. Everyone has to take the test sooner or later, so why not just get it over with and move on.

The culprit(s) should stop calling in the pranks before they get caught. I assume we are all here for the same reason—to receive an edu-

cation.

When you do this, it's hard to meet that goal because we can't attend class.

Please stop calling in the bomb scares and think of other students. The money and time is not retrievable, but you can help if this problem stops. Save yourself from being caught and humiliated. I know it feels better to help others than to harm them.

Sincerely concerned,

KARI ODUM
IPFW STUDENT

Bomb threats cause loss of money

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a non-resident student at IPFW. I am very perturbed about the recent bomb threats at our campus.

I pay more than most of the other students because of my non-residency. Every time there is a bomb threat and I miss a class, I am out of pocket the money from that

class. Also, the other students and I are behind in those classes we have missed due to threats.

I agree that the teachers need to stay on schedule with their syllabi, but on the other hand, the students have to understand what they are learning.

Due to the threats, it may take longer for one class to understand the chapter than the others. Therefore, we may not learn all that we need to know to go on to the next chapter.

Not every student that attends IPFW lives within five miles of the campus. Some of the students,

including myself, drive 45 minutes to an hour to get to school. When I arrive at school to find there is a bomb threat, I become irate.

I come to school for a reason, to further my education, to learn more to improve myself and to pursue a good career. I don't know the reason behind these threats but, if it's because the individual hasn't studied for a test or a mid-term, then why did he or she enroll in college?

There are many students that think the bomb threats are great because they get to get out of class. Because of these threats what happens when students get behind in the missed classes, or even fail? Will

you still think that missing that class was great? How would you feel about the individual(s) responsible for the threats then?

Once the culprit is apprehended, instead of paying a fine to the state, he/she should pay back every student from the start of classes or within two days of the classes they missed. Fair compensation owed to me is \$250.

Sincerely,

COLLEEN TENFELDE
IPFW STUDENT

Bookstore overcharges

TO THE EDITOR:

Is anyone else tired of the cost of textbooks like I am?

I am a first year college student and cannot believe the cost of books. I myself have paid over \$100 for my books, and I am sure it is the same for the majority of students.

What I also do not understand is why they cost so much. I realize that the bookstore has to be able to pay their employees but not at the expense of the students.

I asked the textbook manager, Jim from the Follett's bookstore, why the books cost so much and how they decide what they cost.

Jim said they have a blue value book with all the cost of books and they can charge up to 25 percent over the book value.

I bought a Communication 114 book that cost me \$48. When students take it back, they only get \$14 back. In return, the bookstore will charge \$40 to buy it used.

I bought a psychology book that cost \$63 and a used one will cost \$40. I am positive that the bookstore will tell anyone that they do not have anything to do with the cost of textbooks.

They might even say that we do not have to be going to college and that it is our choice, so therefore it is our responsibility to pay these high prices for books.

I know, being a college student, that I can spend my money other ways.

For one, if I did not have to spend so much for my books it would leave me with more gas money.

I am sure everyone knows the feeling of realizing you do not have any money. As we all know, it is time to start thinking about the spring semester.

My suggestion to students is not to go sell your books back to the bookstore, but to see if you can sell

them on your own.

If you do not wish to sell the books on your own, make sure you sell the books back within 15 days from the start of classes or within two days of the purchase thereafter to get a full refund.

If you do not sell them back after the time allowed, realize you will only get half price or less.

I still believe the best solution is to sell them back on your own and let the bookstore know how we feel about the cost.

I am sure, like me, most of you do not have the money to waste.

Sincerely,

STACEY TUCKER
IPFW STUDENT

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A Christmas story...

By KENNETH GUMBERT
SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNICATOR

On Christmas eve, two children anxiously awaited the arrival of their father. As soon as he would arrive they would all bundle up and travel to their grandparent's house (where he had already made his first stop). The 7-year-old pressed her face against the front window, looking for her dad, while the 5-year-old played happily with her mom on the floor. Time past by slowly that evening, and with its slow divided the anticipation of two young children's expectations of what may have been awaiting them at their grandparents.

Eyes filled with disappointment, the children were tucked into bed while their mother gave each a comforting hug and reassuring hope that this year would not be like the last. Although they were young, they had already become accustomed to such disappointments and could only share in the comfort and reassurance expressed on each occasion by their mommy because they knew their daddy would never show.

It soon became early morning, about the time Santa should be sliding down the chimney, when the father finally arrived. Hoping that no one was up, he slowly staggered into the

house. With little concept of direction he made his way through the kitchen and was now swaying before the tree they had all shared in decorating just days ago. With tears in his eyes he stood before the tree, withdrew a bottle he had become accustomed to carrying in his pocket and took a large swig. He knew he would soon need the liquid courage to face his loved ones, for he knew once again he

had failed himself as well as them. Taking a deep breath, he turned from the tree and as he did he lost his balance, falling backward into the only symbol of Christmas they would share this year.

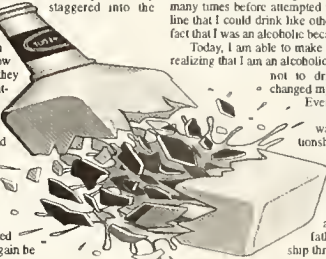
Hearing the noise, the children awoke from their slumber. Startled and filled with renewed anticipation they ran to see what Santa had left them. When they arrived, to their surprise, instead of presents, there lied their father draped over the tree he had knocked to the floor. With a sad look on his face, glazed eyes, and in a muffled, mumbled voice he spoke: "I'm sorry."

I wish I could say that I remember that day, but I can only recall what was presented to me the next day by my wife and children. I got off work early Christmas Eve and thought I would stop before going home for some Christmas cheer just to get into the mood. You know, enough to put the thoughts of work behind me and get into the spirit of the season. But once I started, I continued. I even promised myself ahead of time I would only have one, or was it two? But without fail, it soon became three and four and then more. I drank myself into a blackout and from that point on, I had no memory of what happened.

No one moved me from that spot where I had passed out that morning and shortly after I awoke, I knew that I had once again crossed the fine line I so many times before attempted to stay behind. The fine line that I could drink like others and the denial of the fact that I was an alcoholic became a reality once again.

Today, I am able to make that clear distinction. In realizing that I am an alcoholic, I have made the choice not to drink. That choice has changed my life.

Even though I was unable to salvage a marriage, I was able to renew a relationship with my two daughters. Since that Christmas in 1985, we have been able to enjoy the meaning of Christmas as a family, as well as enjoy a father/daughter relationship throughout the year.



Where to go if there is a problem

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Alcohol is a toxic depressant drug. It is similar to the anesthetic drug called ether. Since it is a depressant, it can change the body by slowing the heart rate, cause slow breathing and create major body systems to stop functioning altogether.

Alcohol used alone or in conjunction with other drugs can kill. Not only does alcohol cause changes in the functioning of the brain, it can cause mood swings, hinder one's ability to think clearly and decrease reaction time in driving.

Alcohol is quickly and directly absorbed into the bloodstream without being digested. Absorption can be slowed down if there's food in the stomach. Water in food slows alcohol's entry into the blood. However, all of the alcohol still gets into the blood. Some people falsely believe they can speed up the alcohol's exit from the body. What they do not know is that the oxidation process has its own clock. The human body can burn up about one-half ounce of alcohol in one hour.

Please note that one-half ounce

pure ethyl alcohol is contained in a typical serving of any one of these standard servings of beer, wine or liquor. For example, a 12-ounce bottle of beer has the same amount of alcohol as a 5-ounce glass of wine which has the same amount of alcohol as a one and a half ounce glass of liquor. It is important to recognize that alcohol intoxication is dependent upon the amount of ethyl alcohol consumed, not the number of drinks consumed.

Keep in mind the holidays are approaching and how you experience them will depend on your sound judgement. Often, because alcohol is a legal drug, many minimize its ability to do harm or cause a variety of negative consequences. If you, or anyone

you know, is experiencing an alcohol problem or think you may have one, please note some of the common symptoms:

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- 12 Exhibit: Don Kruse: Alumni and student printmaking, FA foyer; Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.; continues through Dec. 19. For information, call 6705.
- 13 Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Student Activities, WU Ballroom, 9-11 a.m.; for information, call 6609.
- 16 Career assessment group interpretation, WU 116, 5:30 p.m.
- Cider night for final exams, campuswide, 4-6 p.m.; for information, call 6807.
- 19 Nursing pinning ceremony, WU Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.; for information, call 6460.
- 20 Men's basketball vs. Purdue-Calumet, GC, 1 p.m.
- 21 Fall semester ends.
- 25 Christmas holiday, campus closed; also Dec. 26.
- Art Students' League exhibit, Higher Grounds Coffee House, 6648 St. Joe Rd., Monday-Thursdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, 8 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 5-10 p.m.; continues through Jan. 1. For information, call 6705.
- Fine and Performing Arts party for students, faculty, and staff, WT, noon-3 p.m.; for information, call 6977.
- Multicultural Job Fair, Indianapolis Convention Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; for information, call 6608.
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William Penn

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Photo by Lance L. York

LEFT: Renee and James Burgue study hard with Heather Kolar for an upcoming exam.

A couple of weeks ago, The Communicator published several photos taken during the semester from Cuby Roward's visual communication class. Here are some more from the class. Select photos are also displayed in the foyer at Fort Wayne Newspapers on Main St.



Photo by Cathryn Keating



Photo by Doug Patrick

Dion Ingram walking out of Neff Hall

Boilermaker student bowl tour announced

The Purdue Alumni Association and the John Purdue Club are pleased to announce the following details for the upcoming Official 1997 Student Bowl Tour, which takes place Dec. 27 to 31, 1997.

Starting at only \$450 per person, students can take a round-trip charter air service flight via TWA, Continental Airlines, United, American, American Trans Airline, Miami Air or other scheduled carriers from Indianapolis to San Antonio, including appropriate in-flight meals and beverage service. This is a Land-Only price, based on four-per-room occupancy. Add an additional \$380 for air from Indianapolis.

It includes four nights' accommodations at the Menger Hotel. This historic hotel dates from 1859 and is restored in 19th-century style. The hotel is set in Alamo Plaza Park, next to the Alamo and adjacent to the Rivercenter Mall and Riverwalk. The Menger is the perfect backdrop from which to explore San Antonio and enjoy the Boilermakers' Alamo Bowl experience.

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The second optional side tour is "The Alamo and Mission Trail" tour. For only \$20 per person, you can experience history along the Mission Trail. Visit the Queen of the Missions, Mission San Jose, featuring its legendary Rosa's window, church and mill. Drive by Mission Espada, the Espada Dam, Acquia and aqueduct, all built in the early 1700's.

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For further information, call 1-800-414-1541 or fax 1-765-496-3566, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—From staff reports

Dottie Porch and Leah Sheets sky for a block during this season.

Origins of the 'Star of Bethlehem' sought

FROM IU STAFF REPORTS

BLOOMINGTON, IND.—The two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, will be on display in the same pan of the southwestern sky December evenings after sunset. Venus will be at its brightest for the year on Dec. 11, about 16 times brighter than Sirius, the brightest star in the sky.

Jupiter will be to the upper left of Venus, not quite as bright but still a brilliant companion. It's as if they are reminiscing about an extremely rare astronomical event that is one of several theories on the possible identity of the "star of Bethlehem."

Early in the evening of June 17, 2 B.C., Jupiter and Venus merged into a dazzling "star" near the western horizon, according to calculations of modern astronomers. In countries to east of what was then the kingdom of Judea, observers could have seen the fused planets as a beacon in the direction of Jerusalem.

Astrologists associated Jupiter with the birth of kings and Venus with fertility. The meeting of Jupiter and Venus took place in the constellation of Leo the Lion, which the Old Testament of the Bible specifically associated with the Jewish people. And it happened near the brightest star in Leo, Regulus, most closely identified with kingship.

There has not been a brighter, closer meeting of Venus and Jupiter in Leo so near Regulus in the 2,000 years before or since. Could this be the event that caused a group of astrologers called the Wise Men to travel to Jerusalem in search of a new king almost 2,000 years ago? No one knows, but the possibility is tantalizing.

A number of astronomers and historians have tried to determine what the "star of Bethlehem" could have been, but there is no consensus. So little is known historically about the time Jesus was born that there is no reliable way to answer the question.

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HOT ON THE WEB THIS WEEK

A HOLIDAY PRESENT FOR WEB SURFERS

By GAIL RUBLE CRAWFORD
FEATURES EDITOR

When visiting a chat room or posting to a message board on the Internet, it's all too easy to get confused by the terminology used. The "Net" is covered with thousands of abbreviations and pictures that leave new users, or "newbies," unsure of what is being said. So, in the spirit of the holiday season, your intrepid Web reporter has compiled a large list of abbreviations (short-hand) and emotions (better known as "smileys") for your Internet-roving use. These tools allow you to express emotions online, and can be a great way to enhance online communication.

Cut this list out, hang it next to your monitor, and surf to your heart's content! Happy Holidays!

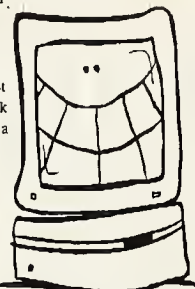
Shorthand

LOL= Laughing Out Loud
ROTFLEMAO= Rolling On The Floor Laughing My Ass Off
BTW= By the Way
IMHO= In My Humble Opinion
JMO= Just My Opinion
Snerl= Snot-Nosed Egotistical Rude Twit (used to denote a person who enters a chat room and starts arguments)
IMNSHO= In My Not-So-Humble Opinion
TTFN= Ta Ta For Now
W/B= Welcome Back
BRB= Be Right Back
OIC= Oh I See
ROFLWTIME= Rolling on the Floor with Tears in My Eyes
GMTA= Great Minds Think Alike
ITA= I Totally Agree
CUL8R= See You Later
(I)= hugs
(____)= imagine person performing an action, example: (sigh)= sighing
(.*)= hugs and kisses
((roomluv))= cyber-hugging your "roomies"

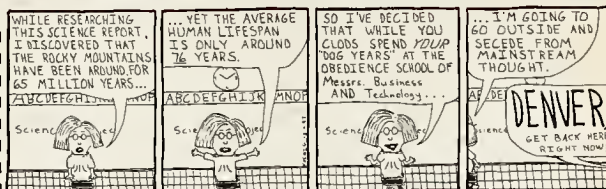
Smileys

:)= smile
:(= frown
):= winking
:P= sticking out tongue
:D= laughing
:O= surprise
:*(= crying
:-x= My lips are sealed.
:* = kiss on cheek
%(= Ouch! You hurt me!
o:)= the saint smiley
:i= smoker smiley
:-(= Hey! I'm talking to you!
:-)= the vampire smiley
d-)= the sporty smiley; wearing a baseball cap
C#:= the football player smiley
:-{ = smiley with a mustache
: ^)= Pinocchio Smiley
8-)= smiley sporting sunglasses
<:)= smiley witch
:-! = Oops! I eat my words!
: \$ = Put your money where your mouth is!
%-= I'm hungover!
8-)= little girl smiley
}:- (I'm stubborn.
:-# = smiley with braces
:-&= I'm tongue-tied.
:-W = Watch what you say.
:-@ = I Swear I won't tell.
* _ = Ouch! smiley got smashed by a cruel remark
:-7 = smiley smoking a pipe
8)= frog smiley
3:-)= cow smiley
) = Cheshire Cat smiley
:c)= pig smiley
+:-)= The Pope smiley

*<:)= Santa Clause smiley
8(:)= Mickey Mouse smiley
@ @ @ @(:)= Marge Simpson smiley
(:-O = Oh, No! It's Mr. Bill! smiley
[-)= RoboCop smiley
B-)= Batman/Robin smiley
5:-)= Elvis smiley
&:-3 = Pamela Anderson Lee smiley
=[:0= Uncle Sam smiley
:-)= I'm sticking my tongue out at you!
B-)= snickering smiley
:-() = You scared me! frightened smiley
:-/ = I'm stumped/confused.
>:-)= The Devil smiley
Q-)= I = a martini
@ -> = A rose for you.
(-U)= a beer
(-Y)= champagne
o:)= Cyclops Smiley
c):< = sheriff with a Stetson and badge smiley (I invented this smiley!)



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Cagers fall over the weekend

Mens Basketball (5-2):

The Dons fell short this weekend in their upset bid against Southern Indiana 97-104. Adam Moore led the team with 30 points in the losing effort.

The team also fell to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville 73-85 on Saturday.

The team continues to have no problem scoring with four players averaging in the double figures in points and averaging 83 points a game for the regular season.

Scoring Leaders: Rebounding Leaders:

Adam Moore 21.0 ppg	Clare Adams 7.8 rpg
Craedel Key 16.0 ppg	Brian Johnson 7.6 rpg
Brian Johnson 14.6 ppg	Adam Moore 6.0 rpg
Dane Adams 12.4 ppg	Michael Akanni 3.8 rpg

Womens Basketball (2-7):

The losing streak for the Ladydons has hit seven straight games with a 58-78 loss to Southern Indiana and 61-86 loss to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Leading the team in scoring for both games was Leah Sheets with 19 and 20 points.

Krista Hennings led the team in rebounding for both games.

The team is averaging 64.1 per game but is allowing opponents to score over 70 points per game in the first nine games of the season.

Scoring Leaders: Rebounding Leaders:

Leah Sheets 19.7 ppg	Shalanna McMillan 9.0 rpg
Kaue Bruening 10.8 ppg	Leah Sheets 7.0 rpg
Dottie Porch 8.0 ppg	Kaue Bruening 6.8 rpg
Katrina Hoeltling 7.9 ppg	Katrina Hoeltling 5.4 rpg

Bowl fever catches on

By TONY LAUX
SPORTS EDITOR

December 20:
Las Vegas Bowl
Air Force vs Oregon: Oh no! Another Tailhook scandal could be possibly brewing.
Air Force 20 Oregon 7.

December 25:
Aloha Bowl
Michigan State vs Washington:
At one time both of these teams were in the running for an Alliance Bowl but how the mighty have fallen.
Washington 30 Michigan State 14

December 26:
Motor City Bowl
Marshall vs Mississippi: Randy MoSS will be making riches in the NFL next year and winning this matchup of emerging teams.
Marshall 40 Mississippi 20.

December 27:
Insight.Com Bowl
Arizona vs New Mexico: If the betting starts going through the roof expect the FBI to start investigating points shaving.
Arizona 20 New Mexico 10.

December 28:
Independence Bowl
Louisiana State vs Notre Dame: Hopeful this will be the last I hear about the "great" Ron Powlus.
Louisiana State 30 Notre Dame 20.

December 29:
Carquest Bowl
Georgia Tech vs West Virginia: This game should be as exciting as standing in line returning all the worthless gifts you got for Christmas.
Georgia Tech 14 West Virginia 10.

Humanitarian Bowl
Utah State vs Cincinnati: The only humanitarian thing to do would be to stop this game before it is played.
Cincinnati 20 Utah State 10.

Holiday Bowl
Missouri vs Colorado State: Expect the big letdown from Colorado State after winning the WAC. Go Missouri!
Missouri 20 Colorado State 17.

December 30:
Alamo Bowl
Oklahoma State vs Purdue: Didn't all the Cowboys get killed at the Alamo?
Purdue 45 Oklahoma State 20.

December 31:
Liberty Bowl
Pittsburgh vs Southern Miss: This match might be the textbook case that there are too many bowls.
Pittsburgh 29 Southern Miss 20.

Sun Bowl
Arizona State vs Iowa: Iowa doesn't really deserve a bowl and Arizona will prove it.
Arizona State 30 Iowa 14.

Fiesta Bowl
Kansas State vs Syracuse: Kansas State deserves a chance at the National Championship but they just can't beat Nebraska.
Kansas State 30 Syracuse 10.

January 1
Outback Bowl
Wisconsin vs Georgia: The Badgers may have had a worse record than Purdue but a much better fan base.
Wisconsin 30 Georgia 17.

Gator Bowl
North Carolina vs Virginia Tech: The Heels coach should have shown some more respect by waiting to take over the Texas coaching job.
North Carolina 30 Virginia Tech 20.

Cotton Bowl
Texas A&M vs UCLA: Ship Hicks will leave UCLA and hopefully get drafted by the Bears so they can run another running back.
UCLA 35 Texas A&M 20.

Sugar Bowl
Ohio State vs Florida State: Ohio State might get a monkey off its back if they can beat a "real" team.
Ohio State 25 Florida State 20.

Citrus Bowl
Penn State vs Florida: Penn State must recoup after a disappointing showing against the fowlly Spartans.
Florida 25 Penn State 20.

Rose Bowl
Michigan vs Washington State: Woodson vs Leaf will determine this game for the National Championship.
Michigan 30 Washington State 17.

Peach Bowl
Clemson vs Auburn: Terry Bowden has got to cut down on the stupid losses by his team if he wants to win the National Championship.
Auburn 29 Clemson 20.

January 2
Orange Bowl:
Nebraska vs Tennessee: This will be good practice for Peyton Manning because since the Colts will probably take him he should get used to getting sacked.
Nebraska 50 Tennessee 24

College hoops, way of life

smokin' hash marks: Scott Ward



I eased back into the couch, flipping through channels like a librarian on speed going through a card catalog.

There wasn't much of a choice at 2 a.m., so it was either Tony Robbins or one of those treadmill glider things, which, actually, I was half-tempted to buy at the time considering my half-conscious state of mind.

But anyway, my seemingly endless search came to an abrupt halt as I stopped on ESPN 2, on which there was a late college basketball game from the west coast I can't even remember who was playing, but I think it was something like Pepperdine at Gonzaga, but it didn't really matter because it was college basketball.

Which brings me to not only the point of this column, but also a universal truth - an epiphany if you will.

As I slumped over on the couch, half awake and half asleep, staring intently and basking in the warm glow of the TV, I came to one simple conclusion - college basketball rules.

I love all sports, or at least a great majority except probably track and cross country and both for the same reason, there's just simply too much running. To real sports - and

athletes for that matter - running should be, is, and always will be a form of punishment and not the lone purpose. I'll throw soccer onto the list, too, because it's extremely boring to watch.

There's just not enough scoring, which is fine, because hockey isn't extremely high scoring either, but I'm pretty sure I'd change my opinion if some little guy in those nylon soccer shorts hip-checked someone.

Anyway, as much as I adore all other sports, nothing can come even close to the almost creepy, passionate obsession that I have for college basketball.

But I digress, so back to the pre-dawn game the other night. I don't remember much about it except that it was a close game all the way through and Gonzaga - or what I thought was Gonzaga - won on a last-second shot.

I was elated and have no idea why, except the fact that I was totally engrossed in the drama. The Gonzagians erupted as the

clock ran out and Pepperdine looked as if in a few seconds each of their mothers had died.

Obviously they hadn't died and if they had I'm going to feel really bad, but that's not the point. The point is this: Nothing can bring out the range of emotions the way that sports - and more specifically basketball - can, which might be sad for me considering I don't even play anymore.

Which brings me to another point, being able to live vicariously through the little men on the TV is important for me to fulfill my dreams, considering my 5-foot-10, overweight frame will never play a tuck in college, unless they have a national H-O-R-S-E tournament.

Another great thing about college basketball, and follow me on this one, is that it's not the NBA. No contract negotiations or holdouts. No 24-second clock or millionaires.

These kids, which I can say because I'm older than half of them, don't get paid to play even though they bring in millions and millions of dollars to their respective schools.

It might sound extremely naive on my part, but I honestly believe that they play for the love of the game.

The love of the game. It's often overlooked, but as I was lying there, drifting in and out of sleep I realized that's why they were playing.

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